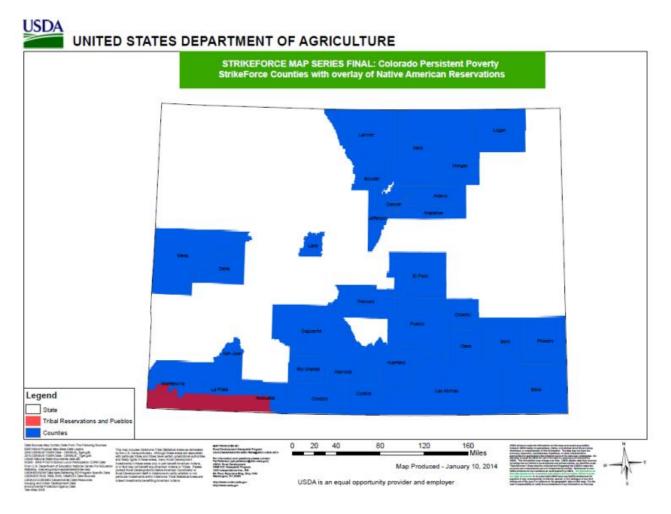


Colorado USDA Strike Force Highlights

- Farm Service Agency (FSA) provided 69% of total loans made to socially disadvantaged and beginning farmers; over \$41 million obligated for 328 loans, 100% of microloan applications were approved.
- Natural Resources Conservation Service's (NRCS) applications received 1,284; 381 contracts awarded worth almost \$21 million.
- Rural Development (RD) provided 1,445 loans, grants and combos worth more than \$524 million, an 83% increase over FY 2013 obligations. Almost 100 jobs created, saved and/or retained. Over 3,500 tenants were served through Multi Family Housing programs.



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